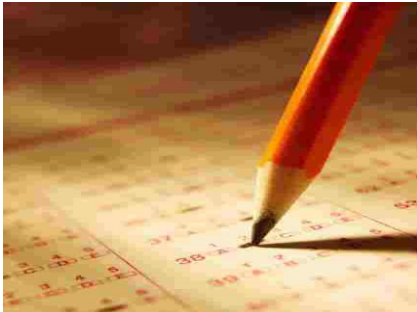


# Fact Sheet: Certified Food Protection Manager

**Did You Know?** *Foodborne illnesses causes nearly 750,000 hospitalizations in the United States per year. And those are only the cases that get reported to local health departments! It is important that a "person-in-charge" demonstrates and shares their knowledge with other employees. It is highly recommended that the person-in-charge has taken a nationally recognized food protection manager's exam. A health inspector routinely poses questions during the inspection to the Certified Food Protection Manager/Person-in-Charge.*



**FACT:** A Certified Food Protection Manager must demonstrate knowledge throughout the course of an inspection.

**FACT:** A Certified Food Protection Manager must be on duty during all hours of operation. Absence of this individual could lead to closure.

**FACT:** A Certified Food Protection Manager is responsible for restricting or excluding employees that are showing symptoms of illness.

## Recommendations:

- Employ multiple individuals that have passed a nationally recognized food safety course.
- Conduct informal training sessions with your staff based on previous health inspections.
- Don't shuttle/shuffle food managers between stores. One (1) certified food protection manager can not serve as a person-in-charge for multiple food establishments.
- Post helpful signs for employees in their native language. Correct mistakes by employees on sight.

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